

The Rush County Board of Commissioners met in regular session Monday, August 11, 2014 with Commissioners Bruce Levi, Mark Bacon, Ken Masters; and Jodi Harr Deputy Auditor. Auditor Mary Ann Beard and Attorney Leigh Morning were absent.

Commissioner Bruce Levi called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Minutes of the July 28th meeting were approved on a motion by Ken Masters with a second by Mark Bacon.

HIGHWAY

Bids for First Covered Bridge #94 were opened at 9:00 a.m. by Matt Lee, Engineering Consultant with United Consultants. Bids were received from CLR Inc in the amount of \$76,793.95 and FE Gates Blakely Corporation in the amount of \$64,818.50. Highway Superintendent Jerry Sitton and Matt Lee took several minutes to review the bids to make sure they met the bid specifications. After review it was found that the item to cost total did not agree on the FE Gates Blakely Corporation. Sitton and Lee recommended to the commissioners to accept the CLR Inc bid. Mark Bacon made the motion to accept the bid from CLR Inc in the amount of \$76,793.95. Ken Masters seconded. Motion carried. Bruce Levi signed Form 96 accepting the bid.

Highway Superintendant Jerry Sitton presented Ordinance 2014-3 Prohibiting Commercial Motor Vehicles and Establishing A Temporary Maximum Speed Limit. US Hwy 52 is expected to close at county road 100 W on or before September 1. The detour will be county road 100 W. Mark Bacon asked if farm vehicles are considered commercial vehicles. Sitton replied that they are. Mark Bacon made a motion to approve Ordinance 2014-3. Ken Masters seconded. Motion carried.

Sitton also presented the monthly report for the Highway Department for July 2014.

NINE STAR

IT director Randy Herbert presented a corrected contract with Nine Star for internet service. The language regarding sales tax was corrected and the new contract was approved by county attorney Leigh Morning. Ken Masters moved to approve the corrected contract. Mark Bacon seconded the motion. Motion carried.

TREASURER

Rush County Treasurer Cindra Humphrey presented the County Treasurer's report ending July 31, 2014. She also provided a comparison of 2013 to 2014. Humphrey and one of her deputies will be attending the State Board of Accounts called State Treasurer meeting from Tuesday, August 12 to Friday, August 15.

ECDC PIONEER

At the July 28th meeting, the commissioners tabled the Pioneer TIF Resolution pending further information. Additional information has not been received by the commissioners; therefore, Mark Bacon made a motion to take the matter under advisement. Ken Masters seconded. Motion carried.

SHERIFF

Sheriff Jeff Sherwood reported the inmate count is 40 inmates. Sherwood informed the commissioners of plumbing issues under the jail office. The main sewer line has either shifted or collapsed. It hopefully has been fixed but may need further repairs which would require tearing up the office floor or going through the steps on the west side of the jail by the alley. He will get an estimate if further repairs are needed. The K9 golf outing was held on August 9. Approximately \$6,000 was donated and will be split between the Rushville City K9 unit and the Rush County Sheriff Dept. K9.

Sherwood asked the commissioners and the media to continue to spread the word about the Publisher Clearing House scam. The scammers are now telling citizens the local sheriff and police departments are cooperating with Publisher Clearing House and will be present when the check is presented. This is not true. Also, Sherwood has been in contact with CVS regarding green refill cards being used to send money to the scammers. Frank Denzler was present and will be running a story in the Rushville Republican.

Courthouse security has been requested in the 2015 sheriff budget. Sherwood has spoken with Judge Brian Hill and they agree it should be overseen by the sheriff. If this passes county council approval at the budget hearings in September, they will work together to have the program ready to be effective January 1, 2015. Sherwood has also been in contact with Rush County School Superintendant, Matt Vance. Vance wants to have a School Resource Officer at the county schools within the next two months. He is looking at using off duty sheriff deputies and city police officers to fulfill the duties.

ANDERSON TWP VOL FIRE DEPT EMS

Sheriff Jeff Sherwood reported that he has met with the officers of the Anderson Twp Volunteer Fire Department EMS regarding coverage issues last year. He has removed the dual dispatch between Anderson Twp EMS and Rush Memorial Hospital.

JAIL STUDY COMMISSION

The Commissioners received three additional requests from citizens interested in being on the Jail Study Commission. Since the committee has already been formed and these request were submitted after the deadline, Commissioner Levi noted these applicants would not be considered at this time. He would like for the applications to be kept on file for future use if needed. The auditor has been requested to send a notification letter to each of these three applicants.

CLERK

Debbie Richardson Clerk was not present to present a corrected contract for E-poll books from a company named KNOW.iNK. The commissioners will leave the matter tabled until Richardson presents a new contract.

EIDD

Bruce Levi will report to council at their next meeting regarding paying for membership to the newly reorganized Eastern Indiana Development District.

INSURANCE COMMITTEE

Jerry Sitton representing the Health Insurance Committee presented the BAS Administrative & Ancillary Service Fees agreement. A motion was made by Mark Bacon and seconded by Ken Masters to sign the agreement. Motion carried.

MISC

- Ken Masters made the motion to sign a surety bond for clerk deputy Peggy Stout. Mark Bacon seconded. Motion carried.
- EMS reports for July were received and reviewed from Rush Memorial Hospital, Anderson Twp Vol Fire Dept and a June report from Carthage Vol Fire Dept.

Claims were approved on a motion by Ken Masters and seconded by Mark Bacon. Mark Bacon moved to pay the payroll claims. Ken Masters seconded the motion.

Ken Masters moved to adjourn. Mark Bacon offered a second. Motion carried.

/s/ Bruce Levi
Bruce Levi, Chairman

/s/ Mark Bacon
Mark Bacon

/s/ Ken Masters
Ken Masters

ATTEST:

/s/ Mary Ann Beard
Mary Ann Beard, Auditor